

Directors' Meeting Minutes

Centreville District Community Development Association

Thursday, January 28, 2016, at 7:00 pm

Attendance:

Executive:	Kim Foote	Directors:	Peggy Sheffield	Absent:	George Graves
	Marilyn Kennedy		Doug Brown		David Briggs
	Anne-Marie Waterbury		Jack Waterbury		
			Ted Davidson	Regrets:	Merv Steadman
Other:	Pauline Raven				
	Councillor District 3				

Call to Order: Vice-President Kim Foote called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by Peggy and seconded by Ted that the agenda be approved as circulated with the correction of the date: 2016 rather than 2015. Motion carried.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Marilyn moved and Doug seconded that the minutes of the November 2015 meeting be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Marilyn received a letter from the Provincial Volunteer Awards Event Coordinator regarding special annual awards for family and youth volunteers, encouraging us to nominate someone. We discussed park volunteers who were worthy of consideration: Pauline will seek input from Neil Price, and let us know his recommendation.

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn gave the financial report as of December 31, 2015. She moved the adoption of her report; Jack seconded. Motion carried.

News from the Municipality: As requested at the last meeting, Pauline found out about the fund that had been established to create green spaces in residential developments. At one time it exceeded \$1M, but currently it contains \$1,963. Most of the money went to Aylesford Lake Beach, for the benefit of many. She also learned of a Community Development Account, which is sort of a beautification account used to clean up or improve the appearance of areas.

She has received some requests for the results of water testing in Ellsworth Estates. Due to the failure of their being posted on the website, she has stopped forwarding the reports and deals with inquiries directly.

Directors' Reports:

Web Site: We now have a new web host - Wingspan Creative Communications, owned by Robin Crouch. Anne-Marie expounded on the difficulties encountered gaining access to the Rogers account, as David was the only one who had authority to do anything with it - even to cancel it. The Rogers account is cancelled effective Jan 31/16. Wingspan's invoice was given to Marilyn for payment. Note he has given us a reduced hourly rate in recognition of our non-profit status, and the annual hosting fee is just under one-half of what we were paying Rogers. He has suggested we might wish to update the site, as nothing has been done to it in years. He has agreed to attend our February meeting to explain some of the recommended changes so we can decide what to do. Anne-Marie has all the passwords to the email accounts, and is checking them weekly. She is adamant that someone else has these as well so the board is never again in a position where no one has access to the accounts. She asked if there might be a grant available to update the website, but Pauline couldn't think of one at the moment.

Anne-Marie and Kim intend to learn how to maintain the site so they can add minutes of meetings, water test results, events, etc. Anne-Marie will contact Robin and schedule a meeting with him for instructions on how to do this.

As a motion was never made regarding the changes:

Doug moved and Ted seconded that our website's web hosting and domain be changed to Wingspan, and the Rogers account be cancelled. Motion carried.

Centre Post: We're sorry to report that Elisha Harper has decided to take a break from her participation on *The Centre Post* - her contribution has been greatly appreciated. Darlene Muise has agreed to join the staff, and is enthusiastic about becoming involved. She will need to obtain and learn the publishing application we use. Anne-Marie requested that she be reimbursed for the cost of the program, which will be under \$50.

Marilyn moved and Ted seconded that Darlene Muise be reimbursed for her purchase of Swift Publisher. Motion carried.

Hall Association: The sign out front has been severely damaged by snow-removal equipment. Doug is investigating the cost of repairs, which are anticipated to be at least \$1000. He has attempted to get in touch with people at Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding compensation for the damage, but has received no response to date. Ted offered to get in touch with contacts he has in the department.

Regarding the heat pumps, it will be a while yet before it is determined if they have reduced costs overall: oil costs are down since their installation, but electricity costs have risen.

Good Neighbour Club: Marilyn reported that attendance and hence profit at the January Big Breakfast was down, likely due to the poor weather that was forecast. The club is considering renovations to the kitchen.

Baptist Church: Judith Saunders will continue as interim pastor until at least June 2016. The youth group and after school program continue to operate. The refugee family has not arrived: the process has become complicated because they are not from Syria and so have to pay their own airfare - \$14,000 for the family. The local MLA has been contacted for advice/assistance in this matter.

Park Association: Pauline reported that work on the park building is progressing well, and an additional grant was received to finish the expanded project. The building should be finished in a month or so. The plans for the location of the covered shelter have been changed to closer to the playground, and the area that is currently covered will be developed as an open picnic area. All areas will be fully accessible.

Unfinished Business:

NKEC Bursary: There has been considerable concern on the part of some board members about our failure to hear from John Hodder, the recipient of the bursary. The only one who even knew which university he is attending was David, and he stopped communicating with the CDCDA in September when he sent regrets for the meeting. When Anne-Marie finally gained access to the email accounts in late December there was an email there from John, sent in August, providing his student account information at Saint FX as required. Anne-Marie attempted to contact him through email to apologize for the delay, but there has been no response. The check was mailed, and Student Accounts has confirmed it has been deposited into his account.

Speed Limit: No report - Merv not in attendance.

Centreville AAC: Council has appointed the proposed members. Anne-Marie raised concerns re: David Briggs' representing the Board, given his lack of communication.

Secondary Planning Strategy Review: As it seems unlikely our plan to address this at each meeting will be realized, Kim suggested that smaller groups, perhaps including non-members of the Board, could work on areas where they had an interest, such as trail development. This led to discussion about potential development of existing trails in the areas that are privately owned. Information about ownership will be sought. Tabled for further discussion at our next meeting.

Directors: Nothing further to report.

Christmas Tree Lighting: This was an overall success, although attendance was down - in part, no doubt, due to the visitation for a death in the community. Kim suggested there might be more young children in attendance if it were held earlier than 7 pm, which is after many toddlers' bedtime. This should be considered when next year's event is planned.

New Business: None

Adjournment: There being no further business, on motion of Doug and Jack the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 25, 2016, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne-Marie Waterbury, Secretary CDCDA